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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, applicant elects with traverse to prosecute claims 115-121, claims 231-237 and claims 243-254 in this application. Applicant makes this election with traverse since applicant believes that the Examiner will have to make the same search to determine the allowability of claims 255-257 as to determine the allowability of claims 243-254.

To simplify the processing of the application by the Examiner, please cancel claims 255-257. In this way, only elected claims 115-121, 230-237 and 243-254 remain in the application for examination by the Examiner. Applicant plans to file claims 255-257 in a divisional application.

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